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NAVRATNA COMPANIES STATUS TO BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had proposed to grant the autonomy available to Navratna Companies to the BSNL at the time of its formation;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the application sent by the Department of Telecom for grant of Navratna Status to BSNL was not considered by the Department of Public Enterprise; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the present status of the said application and the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (d) Sir, the Department of Public Enterprise had considered the application sent by Department of Telecom for grant of Navaratna Status to BSNL. However, presently, the company does not fulfill the following eligibility conditions stipulated in the Government guidelines for Navaratna companies:

(i) The company should be a schedule A, Miniratna category.

(ii) It should have obtained `Excellent` or `very good` MOU rating in three of the last five years.